

REMARKS

With the cancellation of claim 30, claims 1, 14, and 16 to 29 are pending in the above-referenced application and are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 14 and 16 to 29 are allowed.

Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,240,363 ("Theimer"). While Applicant does not necessarily agree with the merits of this rejection, to facilitate matters, claim 30 has been canceled herein without prejudice. It is therefore respectfully submitted that the present rejection is moot, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Each of the issues raised by the Examiner has been addressed. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Passage to issuance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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